

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
APRIL 14, 2009**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	Present
Board member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present

Also present were Police Chief Douglas Tarvin, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Building Commissioner David Seger, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 24, 2009. A **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried 3-0.

PATOKA ZENTRUM IV

Surveyor Ken Brosmer, representing Bob & Luvella Ruckriegel, asked the Board to approve the plat for Patoka Zentrum IV. He said the Jasper Plan Commission previously approved the plat. Brosmer also said Patoka Zentrum IV is a replat of Patoka Zentrum II and III.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve and accept the plat for Patoka Zentrum IV as presented by Mr. Brosmer. Motion carried 3-0.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Nancy Eckerle, representing the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, requested permission to use the Riverwalk gazebo and plaza area for the Summer Riverwalk Concert Series. The six concerts each have a scheduled date and time. If there is inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.

The bands, dates, and times are as follows:

1. Dubois County Community Band
Sunday, May 31, 2009, – 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

2. Mountain Harmony Blue Grass Band
Saturday, June 20, 2009, – 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
3. 38th Division Band – Army National Guard
Undetermined date & time
4. Jazz Ambassadors – U.S. Army Field Band
Sunday, July 5, 2009 – 3:00 p.m.
5. Plastic Soul
Saturday, July 11, 2009, - 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.
6. Linda Smith
Saturday, August 15, 2009, – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Eckerle asked if the rental fees could be waived since the events are free to the public. Mayor Schmitt said these outdoor concerts are great events for the public.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request and allow the fees to be waived for the Summer Riverwalk Concert Series. Motion carried 3-0.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS FAN FEST

Jasper Chamber of Commerce Director Nancy Eckerle stated that the Indianapolis Colts are coming back to Jasper for a Fan Fest. They looked at the Riverwalk plaza area and the south side of the Square for possible sites. They will be bringing a band, band stage, American Red Cross blood mobile, and vendors. A proposed date is June 30, 2009 but the date and location have not been confirmed at this time. Set up would begin at noon and it would be open to the public from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eckerle said she will come back to a future meeting after she hears back from the Colts representatives.

MARCH of DIMES ANNUAL WALK

Jason Schmitt, representing the Dubois County March of Dimes, asked permission to use the Riverwalk and plaza area on Sunday, October 11, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for their annual walk. He then asked for the fees to be waived since this is a nonprofit organization with income being generated from donations.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm then read part of Mayor Schmitt's comments from the last meeting regarding the decision whether or not to waive rental fees. Part of those comments were: Schmitt said if a local organization conducts a fundraiser for a cause then the rental fee should be paid because the event is held to make money. If the event is not a fundraiser and its purpose is to promote, then the waiver may be considered.

Mayor Schmitt said in this case, he feels the March of Dimes would have to pay the rental fee.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request of the March of Dimes to use the plaza area on October 11, 2009 but not waive the fees for the shelter house or gazebo, and on condition participants sign a waiver form. Motion carried 3-0.

DUBOIS COUNTY TAX DAY TEA PARTY

Shane Lindauer, representing the Dubois County Tax Day Tea Party Committee, asked permission to use the train depot area on April 15, 2009 to hold a peaceful protest on Government spending. The event is scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Set up will begin at 4:00 p.m. and tear down and clean up will end about 7:00 p.m. Lindauer stated the event is a nonpartisan event and its purpose is to encourage people to get involved in government and have us get back to the constitution. He also said they have five scheduled speakers. Some signs would be put up in locations similar to the Farmers Market and no tea would be dumped into the Patoka River. The police chief was contacted to have police present for security and safety reasons. Mayor Schmitt said this event is an example of our freedom of speech. He asked Lindauer if the public would have a chance to speak. Lindauer said no, only the scheduled speakers.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request of the committee organizing the protest to use the train depot and its area on April 15, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

KAYAK DAYS

Phil Mundy, representing Adventures Recreation and Gear, asked permission to reserve the Riverwalk plaza area and boat ramp on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for Kayak Days. Mundy said the event was held last year. Mundy also said Ron Miller with DNR will provide a letter giving approval for use of the river.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of Phil Mundy and Adventures Recreation and Gear for the use of the Riverwalk plaza and boat ramp on April 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with the condition the insurance requirements are met and waivers are signed by the participants. Motion carried 3-0.

DUBOIS COUNTY TOURISM OPEN HOUSE

Kristen Ruhe, representing the Dubois County Visitor Center, said Tourism will have an open house on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They would like to host the event on the train cars so Ruhe asked permission to use the train cars on that date from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

She also said they are partnering with the Chamber of Commerce for the Time out from Business program. Since the event is open to the public, is free of charge, and they will be promoting the train and the Old Jasper area being developed by ROJAC, she asked the Board to waive the rental fees. She also asked to use the restrooms and the porch area at the Depot.

Mayor Schmitt said he felt this is a case where the fees should be waived because it is promoting the City and it is promoting that area for tourism plus a lot of hard work goes into advertising, showing and putting the event together.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request from Dubois County Tourism to use the train cars and the depot on May 12, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and waive the rental fees. Motion carried 3-0.

IU COACHES TAILGATE

Bob Grewe, representing the IU Alumni Club, asked permission to use the Riverwalk plaza, three shelter houses and the gazebo on June 4, 2009. The Southwestern Indiana Chapter of the Indiana University Alumni Association is hosting the IU Coaches Tailgate from 5:30 p.m.

to 8:00 p.m. Because the non-fundraising event is a public event that is family friendly, Grewe asked that the rental fees be waived.

There was some discussion whether this event was promoting the City or promoting IU. Thomas Schmidt said the City set fees and if everyone comes in and asks them to be waived, then why do we have fees. Mayor Schmitt reminded Grewe that if one does not reserve the structures and they take the chance that they are available, then there is no fee.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request from the Southwestern Indiana Chapter of the Indiana University Alumni Association to use the Riverwalk area but not waive the fees. Motion carried 3-0.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH RUN/WALK

Emily Werner, representing St. Joseph Catholic Church, asked permission to use certain City streets on Saturday, June 6, 2009 for their second annual 5K Run/Walk. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with the run/walk starting at 8:00 a.m. She displayed a map indicating the following route that begins at the circle south of the parish center by Tenth Street School, then goes

1. Right on 10th Street
2. Left on St. John's
3. Right on 9th Street
4. Right on Bartley Street
5. Left on 15th Street
6. Turn around on 15th Street and Worrell Drive
7. Continue to run/walk the same back to St. Joseph's Church
8. 15th Street
9. Right on Bartley
10. Left on 9th Street
11. Left on St. John Street
12. Right on to 10th Street
13. Back up to circle area south of parish center

Werner said volunteers would be stationed at the various locations indicated on the map with a ●.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request of St. Joseph Catholic Church for a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on condition all participants sign a waiver. Motion carried 3-0.

LONELY RIDER BAND PRACTICE

Brian Mounts, representing ZUL Unlimited, asked permission for his band, called Brian Mounts and the Lonely Riders Band, to hold a practice performance in the parking lot owned by Late Nites that is located on the northwest corner of 5th and Jackson Streets on Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mounts said his primary concerns are not to violate any noise ordinances and not to cause any traffic problems on Jackson Street during the practice session.

City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein said the practice is not being held on City property but recommends he get permission from the property owner. The ordinance says if someone complains to the City about the noise, then the

City has to address and investigate the issue.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of Brian Mounts of ZUL Unlimited to practice on Sunday, April 26 on condition they practice no later than 7:00 p.m. and they obtain permission from the property owner. Motion carried 3-0.

VUJC EDUCATION CLUB 5K RUN/WALK

Scott Maddox, representing the Vincennes University Jasper Center Education Club, asked permission to use certain City streets for their Autism fundraising run/walk event on June 27, 2009. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the race starting at 8:00 a.m. and finishing by noon at the latest. Part of the route is on campus and part is on City streets and at Bohnert Park. The route was outlined on a map that was distributed to the board members. The non-campus part of the route was as follows: turn right on Meridian Road from College Avenue, enter Bohnert Park and travel around the track, exit the park and go left on Meridian Road, turn right on Hemlock Drive, turn right on Maplecrest Blvd., turn right on Briarcliff Pkwy., turn left on Meridian Road, then turn left on College Avenue and finish at the Administration Building.

Mayor Schmitt said since Meridian Road is a busy street, he is concerned about crossing that street twice, once to enter Bohnert Park and then when they want to travel north on Meridian Road after leaving the park. So participants will cross Meridian Road one time, Schmitt suggested traveling north on Meridian Road from College Avenue, then turn right on Briarcliff Pkwy and loop around the Meridian Meadows subdivision to Meridian Road, then south on Meridian Road to Bohnert Park, around the track at the park, then back to Meridian Road until College Avenue. Maddox agreed that that was a safer route.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request of the VUJC Education Club to hold a 5K Run/Walk on June 27, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to noon on condition they change the route so it goes to Briarcliff Pkwy and through the Meridian Meadows subdivision first then to Bohnert Park and on condition participants sign a waiver form. Motion carried 3-0.

Police Chief Tarvin asked Maddox to provide a revised map to Lt. Tedrow. He also said the police will assist that day until the participants are off Meridian Road.

TREE REMOVAL – 4TH STREET

Dan Fritch, representing Matrix Integration, said they will be building a parking lot on the vacant lot located on the north side of 4th Street between Main and Newton Streets. David Bromm owns the property at 114 W. 4th Street which is adjacent to the proposed parking lot. Currently, there are two trees owned by the City located on the south end of the lot. The tree immediately adjacent to Bromm's property is rotten and could be a safety issue. Fritch, along with a letter co-signed by David Bromm, asked the City to remove the tree.

There was some discussion about removing the second tree because of its poor condition. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle asked if the City removes tree, should it just be the tree, or the tree and its stump which may cause us to have to replace the sidewalk. Mayor Schmitt said he thinks we should only take the tree down. He is not concerned about the stump at this time.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to look into City resources and take both trees down so we do not have to go back later for the second tree. Motion carried 3-0.

BLACKTOP ALLEY BY MATRIX LOT

Dan Fritch, representing Matrix Integration, said they are planning to blacktop the parking lot they are building on the vacant lot located on the north side of 4th Street between Main and Newton Streets and are investing about \$16,000.00 in the project. He asked if the City would pay about \$2,000.00 to have the 100' long by 11' wide section of alley blacktopped while the equipment is there to blacktop their lot.

Fritch asked if the City wants to look at doing the sidewalk as well. Mayor Schmitt said the City needs to look at the sidewalk from Main Street to Newton Street. Hurm said that section would cost approximately \$2,800.00. Mayor Schmitt said he is grateful Matrix kept their business downtown instead of moving it to another location.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to work with Matrix and pave the alley while they are doing their parking lot to make a good project. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD SALT STATE BID

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported he joined in a web conference call about road salt bids. The State and IACT set it up so communities can join in with their salt supply bid for 2009-2010. Last year INDOT's cost was \$55.00 to \$65.00 per ton. The City would have to pledge a certain amount of tons. If we pledged 1,000 tons of salt, we would have to commit to buy 80% of the 1,000 tons whether we use it or not. Eckerle recommended the City tag along with the state bid. Mayor Schmitt said he thinks salt will be a hot commodity next year and this would be the safest thing to do.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to commit to 1,000 tons of road salt under the State bid process. Motion carried 3-0.

RECYCLING BINS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said at a previous meeting it was reported that the recycling bin and lid inventory was diminishing and the City was unable to get another grant approved for these items. Eckerle said the supplier is offering the items at the same price as last time. Eckerle feels there are 3 options.

1. Continue the program as it is now
2. Whoever wants bins pay the cost of the bins or a portion of the cost
3. Do not offer bins and not order any more bins

Eckerle presented a quote from Busch Systems International Inc, the same supplier and type of bin as before, for 2300 bins and 1000 lids. The cost for each bin is \$6.92 and \$3.55 for the lid. He said shipping may be an extra cost. Eckerle said he likes the fact that there is continuity in the bin size and material.

There was some discussion about the procedure and possible costs for the sale of bins. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein recommended adding language to the trash and recyclable ordinance that gives the Board of Public Works and Safety the authority to set a fee schedule for the sale of bins and lids.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter that due to the fact that granting opportunities have been stopped by IDEM putting a burden on the City to maintain the sale of bins as we did in the past, to discontinue the sale of two additional recycling bins for \$1.00 each and give new residents one free bin and one free lid to start recycling. Motion carried 3-0.

Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to have the city attorney prepare an Ordinance for the City Council to consider adding language into the Ordinance that gives the Board of Public Works and Safety the right to set fees for recycling bins, lids and related matters. Motion carried 3-0.

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein recommended the Board take action whether or not to allow the street commissioner to purchase the recycling bins and lids from the quote he submitted earlier. Eckerle said the quote for 2300, four-gallon bins and 1000 lids to match the existing cascade green ones is \$19,466.00.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the quote from Busch Systems International Inc for \$19,466.00. Motion carried 3-0.

2009 DRAFT PAVING SCHEDULE

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle presented a draft of the street paving schedule for 2009 and stated some details still need to be worked out. After inspecting the streets this year, the proposed projects were labeled critical condition, critical condition/lack funds, poor condition, or marginal condition. The cost estimate for all the proposed projects is \$5,547,071.00. The cost estimate for projects scheduled this year is \$1,474,181.00. Eckerle said he is still gathering information for three new procedures for preventive maintenance.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION EQUIPMENT

Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider said a tornado drill was recently conducted at City Hall. He said if a quick emergency evacuation of the building is necessary, City Hall does not have access to equipment to evacuate the public with disabilities. Since an elevator cannot be used in an emergency evacuation, Schneider showed the board photos of a piece of equipment that can be used to assist those with special needs to the lower level. Schneider asked if funding is available, can he seek quotes so we can purchase and add this type of equipment to our emergency action plan. Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said the fire department and the hospital have a similar piece of equipment. The Board members said Schneider could check on the cost of the equipment.

ICE STORM FEMA REIMBURSEMENT

Personnel/Safety Charles Schneider stated that at the last meeting he had reported that approximately \$44,600.00 of reimbursable expenses from the ice storm was turned in to FEMA. Schneider said later that day he met with FEMA representatives and found out that more expenses than just debris removal expenses were allowed to be submitted for reimbursement. The new figures show we can now receive \$162,000.00 plus \$6,000.00 for administrative fees.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that the first round of sidewalk replacement has begun along Jackson Street between 7th Street and 9th Street. Hurm said he did a walk thru with

the contractor and there are several issues that need to be addressed such as, everything but one sidewalk section will be replaced, there are some drainage issues, and a few other matters. It will cost approximately \$5,000.00 for this additional work which brings the original estimate to approximately \$35,000.00.

Hurm requested permission to replace the sidewalk on both sides of Jackson Street between 9th Street and 11th Street minus the portion at the corner of Jackson Street and 11th Street that has already been replaced. Hurm said the approximate cost for that area is \$28,000.00.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request to replace the sidewalk on both sides of Jackson Street between 9th Street and 11th Street minus one area in front of a residence as described by the city engineer. Motion carried 3-0.

Hurm then asked permission to replace the sidewalk along the east side of Jackson Street between 11th Street and 12th Street for an estimate cost of \$9,000.00 and \$2,400.00 to replace the curb.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter that the scope for this year's sidewalk replacement program is whatever needs to be replaced along Jackson Street from 12th Street down to 6th Street and not spend more than \$75,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

MILL PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented three change orders for the Mill project, INDOT Contract No. R-28096-B. He explained the need for each change and asked the Board for its approval.

Change Order No. 0809 add \$2,175.00

Change Order No. 0810 add \$1,650.00

Change Order No. 0811 add \$2,200.00

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve Change Order #0809 for \$2,175.00, #0810 for \$1,650.00, and #0811 for \$2,200.00. Motion carried 3-0.

COMPUTER QUOTES

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked permission to seek quotes for a computer for the GIS technician with upgrades and new software. The current machine is inadequate.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to approve the request of the city engineer to seek computer quotes for the GIS technician. Motion carried 3-0.

MS4 WORKSHOP

City Engineer Chad Hurm informed the board that on August 18, 2009 the City of Jasper will be hosting a MS4 regional work shop for municipal storm sewer systems. It will be held in the Pfaffenweiler Room at City Hall.

FIREFIGHTER RESIGNATION

Mayor Schmitt read a letter of resignation submitted by Volunteer Firefighter Thomas G. Eckert effective May 10, 2009. Upon retirement, Eckert will have served as a Jasper Volunteer Firefighter for twenty years.

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang commented that Eckert is a go-getter and a hard worker. He will be missed. Mayor Schmitt said we appreciate the time and commitment he has given to the City of Jasper.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept the letter of resignation from Thomas G. Eckert. Motion carried 3-0.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE REPORT

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang distributed a copy of the March 2009 vehicle maintenance report for the fire department.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang report to the board the names of property owners and locations that have been cited under 5.12.040, weed removal/notice. The name and property location is as follows:

OWNER
Deborah Wehaney

LOCATION OF LOT
1407 Leopold Street Jasper

Mayor Schmitt asked the fire chief to check on the Jasper Wood Products property. He stated that people living in the area asked about rodents and if people are living there.

TRAINING COMPLETED

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported that the Homeland Security Report showed that the five new firefighters are completely trained and can be used at structure fires.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said May 3, 2009 is the effective date for Assistant Fire Chief Mike Eckert's retirement. Hochgesang said he wants to promote Chris Berg from captain to assistant fire chief effective May 4, 2009 and asked the Board for its approval.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to agree with the fire chief to appoint Chris Berg to Assistant Fire Chief. Motion carried 3-0.

Hochgesang then said since the captain position will become available, he wants to appoint Phil Schmidt to Captain, effective May 4, 2009.

A **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to appoint Phil Schmidt to Captain. Motion carried 3-0.

Hochgesang then said he wants to appoint Tim Berger to Lieutenant effective May 4, 2009.

A **motion** was made by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to appoint Tim Berger to Lieutenant. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE STATION NO. 1 GARAGE DOORS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said it would be possible to get a generator that would open the five garage doors at the 6th Street fire station in the event the power goes out but they would have to change the openers because the current openers will not work. He stated for the generator he has been working with E & K Electric and for the openers he has been working with Overhead Door. Hochgesang said he does not have an estimate for the openers at this time but will come back at a future meeting with more information.

POLICE TRAINING

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin reported that the Southwestern Indiana Training Council held firearms training at the Beaver Lake Range gun range on March 24 and March 26 with about 80 officers from southwest Indiana participating. Officer Rick Chambers conducted a gun training session and Jasper ranked high on their training. More training will be held locally in April. Tarvin said it has worked very well bringing the training locally rather than having all of our officers travel to other training sites.

DARE SUPPLIES

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin said Assistant Chief Nathan Schmitt ordered DARE T-shirts and certificates so they would be here in time for the upcoming graduation program. Tarvin said there is only one supplier for the DARE products and the cost for the items was \$2,557.80. Tarvin asked the Board to approve the purchase. He stated that for the last 20 years Officers Jeff Carie, Jeff Young, and Dan Collins have worked with the schools on this program.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the expenditure of \$2,557.80 for the DARE supplies on condition the DARE officer plans better and brings a quote to the Board sooner the next time. Motion carried 3-0.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS FUND RAISER

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin reported that the Special Olympics fund raiser held at the East Town bowling alley raised over \$1,200.00. Officer Doug Hettinger was in charge of the event.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin presented to the Board for its review the following report for the Jasper Police Department:

Monthly Activity Report for March 2009.

COPS GRANT

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin asked permission to apply for President Obama's COPS Grant federal funding program. Under the program, the City could hire an additional officer and the grant would cover the salary and benefits for three years. The City would have to absorb the expenses after that period of time. Tarvin said the application is due in less than one week. Mayor Schmitt suggested they apply for the grant but that does not mean we are giving permission to increase the manpower after three years because the Council would have to agree to the funding at that time.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to give the approval to apply for an officer through the COPS three-year grant. Motion carried 3-0.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin informed the Board that this is National Telecommunicators Week. Tarvin recognized our telecommunicators and said they all do an outstanding job. The board members agreed.

REGION 15 UPDATE CODEBOOK CONTRACT

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein presented the contract between the City and Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to update the codebook for the 2008 ordinances.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to enter into a contract with Region 15 for updating the City's codebook. Motion carried 3-0.

RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein said Paul Voegerl is donating right of way to the City. The area is known as Schnell Lane. Hemmerlein asked the Board to approve and accept the following deed:

Right-of-Way Deed – Schnell Lane

Paul Voegerl – Part of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of S36, T1S, R5W - .14 acre & 1000 square feet more or less and temporary construction easement for an additional 500 square feet more or less.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept the right-of-way deed for an area known as Schnell Lane as provided. Motion carried 3-0.

EASEMENTS

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein presented the following easements for acceptance and approval:

Grant of Permanent Electric Utility Easement

Robert A. Brown – Part of Lot 123 in the Badendorff III Subdivision

Heather Taylor-Herman – Part of Lot 122 in the Badendorff III Subdivision

Joseph F. Steurer and Judith Ann Steurer - Part of Lot 37 in the Theo. Reyling's First Addition

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept and approve the easements as described by the city attorney. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS. Claims against the City from March 6, 2009 to April 9, 2009 were presented to and examined by the board. Those claims found to be just, due and owing were approved 3-0 upon **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or

clarification this 28 day of April, 2009.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary